

TABLE 62. Statistical profile of doctorate recipients in humanities fields, by sex and field of study: 2009

Characteristic	All humanities fields	Foreign language/literature	History	Letters	Other humanities
All doctorate recipients (number)	4,899	602	1,045	1,414	1,838
	Percent				
Sex					
Male	48.1	37.4	58.1	37.1	54.5
Female	51.8	62.6	41.9	62.9	45.5
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Citizenship					
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	79.2	64.3	83.8	82.5	78.9
Temporary visa holder	14.8	30.4	12.5	11.0	13.9
Unknown	6.0	5.3	3.6	6.5	7.2
Marital status					
Never married	25.3	27.6	25.8	25.6	24.0
Married	49.2	46.0	54.9	46.5	49.1
Marriage-like relationship	8.2	9.5	6.4	9.5	7.7
Separated, divorced, widowed	6.2	7.8	5.6	6.2	6.0
Unknown	11.1	9.1	7.2	12.2	13.2
Bachelor's in same field as doctorate ^a	53.6	50.8	56.1	48.4	57.1
Master's earned	84.5	86.9	87.1	84.0	82.5
	Median years				
Age at doctorate	34.5	34.1	34.6	33.8	35.1
Time to doctorate					
From bachelor's	11.3	10.6	11.3	11.0	12.0
From graduate school start	9.5	8.7	9.7	9.0	9.9
Male doctorate recipients (number)	2,358	225	607	524	1,002
	Percent				
Citizenship					
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	79.6	63.1	84.2	83.8	78.3
Temporary visa holder	14.2	30.7	12.5	9.7	14.0
Unknown	6.1	6.2	3.3	6.5	7.7
Marital status					
Never married	23.5	26.7	22.2	26.3	22.1
Married	52.5	46.2	58.3	47.3	53.2
Marriage-like relationship	8.0	12.9	6.6	9.9	6.7
Separated, divorced, widowed	5.0	5.3	5.1	4.4	5.1
Unknown	11.0	8.9	7.7	12.0	13.0
Bachelor's in same field as doctorate ^a	56.2	53.8	55.8	50.8	59.9
Master's earned	85.0	86.2	89.0	83.8	82.9
	Median years				
Age at doctorate	34.8	34.4	35.2	34.1	35.2
Time to doctorate					
From bachelor's	11.3	10.3	11.5	10.8	12.0
From graduate school start	9.6	8.7	9.7	8.8	9.8
Female doctorate recipients (number)	2,540	377	438	889	836
	Percent				
Citizenship					
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	78.9	65.0	83.3	81.8	79.7
Temporary visa holder	15.3	30.2	12.6	11.8	13.8
Unknown	5.8	4.8	4.1	6.4	6.6

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Marital status					
Never married	27.0	28.1	30.8	25.2	26.3
Married	46.1	45.9	50.2	46.1	44.1
Marriage-like relationship	8.3	7.4	6.2	9.2	9.0
Separated, divorced, widowed	7.4	9.3	6.4	7.3	7.1
Unknown	11.2	9.3	6.4	12.1	13.5
Bachelor's in same field as doctorate ^a	51.1	49.1	56.4	47.0	53.7
Master's earned	84.0	87.3	84.5	84.1	82.1
	Median years				
Age at doctorate	34.2	34.0	33.9	33.7	35.1
Time to doctorate					
From baccalaureate	11.3	10.7	11.1	11.0	12.0
From graduate school start	9.5	9.1	9.3	9.2	10.0

^a A bachelor's degree is counted as "in the same field as doctorate" if the fields of study of a doctorate recipient's bachelor's degree and doctorate degree are both in the same major field category of the NSF field of study taxonomy. See appendix A, table A-6, for a listing of the major fields and their constituent subfields.

NOTE: Due to rounding, the sum of percentages may not equal to 100.

SOURCE: NSF/NIH/USED/USDA/NEH/NASA, 2009 Survey of Earned Doctorates.